

Amendments to the Specification:

**Please replace paragraph entitled “CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION”, on Page 1, with the following amended paragraph:**

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

This application incorporates by reference and claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/193,834, filed March 31, 2000; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/193,917, filed March 31, 2000; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/193,832, filed March 31, 2000; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/193,705, filed March 31, 2000; and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/193,833, filed March 31, 2000; which are all incorporated herein by reference.

**Please replace the paragraph beginning on Page 4, “DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION” and continuing on Page 5, with the following amended paragraph:**

In the following detailed description of exemplary embodiments of the invention, reference is made to the accompanying drawings, which form a part hereof, and in which are shown, by way of illustration, specific exemplary embodiments in which the invention may be practiced. In the drawings, like numerals describe substantially similar components throughout the several views. These embodiments are described in sufficient detail to enable those skilled in the art to practice the invention. Other embodiments may be utilized and structural, logical, electrical, and other changes may be made without departing from the spirit or scope of the present invention. The following detailed description is, therefore, not to be taken in a limiting sense, and the scope of the present invention is defined only by the appended claims. The present application incorporates by reference the following references: ~~U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/~~, filed ; and Simon Jacobs, Enterprise Scheduling System (ESS) Function Specification, Rev. 4.1 (June 30, 2000).